

GAME, FISH, AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION PROPOSAL

Custer State Park Early Archery Elk Hunting Season

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Commission Meeting Dates:	Public Hearing	April 4-5, 2013	Winner
	Finalization	April 4-5, 2013	Winner

COMMISSION PROPOSAL HIGHLIGHTS

Season Dates: September 1-30, 2013

Licenses: 3 "Any Elk" licenses

Requirements and Restrictions:

1. Season opens the first of September and closes the last day of September.
2. Hunters must attend a mandatory briefing.
3. 24 hour inspection of harvested elk.

Proposed changes from last year: None. However, the Commission has kept this season open for consideration during rule finalizations in April pending outcome information from the transfer of elk out of Wind Cave National Park and a comprehensive survey of the Black Hills elk population.

SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

Year	Licensed Hunters	Applicants	Success Rate	Elk Harvested	Recreation Days
2008	8	3,084 (785 pref only)	25%	2 bulls	104
2009	8	3,134 (1,112 pref only)	25%	2 bulls	115
2010	5	3,031 (1,401 pref only)	0%	None	68
2011	3	2,000 (2,391 pref only)	33%	1 bull	56
2012	3	2,078 (2,255 pref only)	0%	0	43